

Bear River Migratory Bird Refuge



Volunteer Newsletter

February 2015

What's New?

We would like to welcome our newest volunteer, Mark Jensen who will be our videographer for special events here at the Refuge! He spends his time working on school and filming basketball games at Weber State University. He will be a great asset to our volunteer community and will help us become more visible on the internet! He is busy putting together video of our event days and will even help us get recognized on YouTube! Thanks Mark!



Environmental Education is FUN!

This month we are focusing on teaching children about the impacts they can have upon their environment using an Enviroscope, which is a mini model of a watershed. Jen, Alyssa, Andrea, Sara and Kathi will all be going out to teach! The schools that participate in Mountain Wilds to Wetland Wonders will be the recipients of these classes. We will focus on connecting these students to the Bear River Watershed and brainstorming ideas on how we can all help to conserve our environment. These bridging activities will add additional value to our educational programs and enhance the learning and understanding that results from fieldtrips.

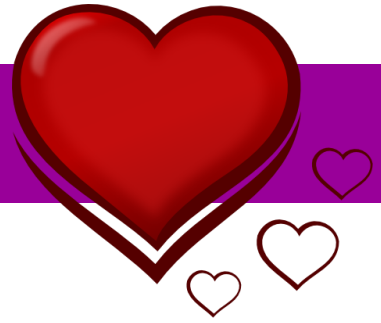


Refuge Roundup

We had a fantastic volunteer luncheon and want to thank all those who were in attendance! We greatly appreciate all our volunteers and all the hard work you donate here at the Refuge. A few highlights from the volunteer luncheon: Gil Paquet and Dorothy Egan received their 2,000 hour pin, we watched Green Fire which was an excellent movie, and had a wonderful time reminiscing about last year's accomplishments!



Upcoming Events and Volunteer Opportunities



- * February 26 @ 3pm Deputy Sharon's Farewell Party
@ BRMBR — come say goodbye to Sharon!
- * March 14th Swan Day! (10-3)
- * April 25th Calling All Frogs! (10-3)
- * If you would like to volunteer at any of these events please let

Jen Christopherson know via phone 435-734-6457 or by email: jwolf@bikerider.com



Bookstore News

Venture Academy has graciously donated artwork in the form of notecards with hand-drawn birds on them which will be sold in the bookstore. This Academy has spent an entire semester on avian education as part of their expeditionary learning experiences. Their teachers traveled to Alaska to study the Peregrine Falcon, Trumpeter Swan and Tundra Swan. They then created an informational movie to teach the students about these different species. They are deeply involved in learning and value the opportunities that we offer here at the Refuge!

Creature Feature: Groundhogs

- ⇒ 1 of 14 species of marmot
- ⇒ Hibernates in the winter after the first frost
- ⇒ Weighs approximately 13 pounds!
- ⇒ These guys are the largest members in the squirrel family
- ⇒ They can climb trees!
- ⇒ These little guys are also known as woodchucks
- ⇒ These guys can also swim!
- ⇒ They typically have around 6 little baby groundhogs



Jolly Jokes for February

1. What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day?
2. What travels around the world but stays in one corner?
3. What did the valentine card say to the stamp?



3. Stick with me and we'll go places!

2. A Stamp

1. Forget-me-nuts